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SUBJECT: MARCH 8, THE 67TH DAY OF THE OFFENSIVE

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1. SUMMARY. THERE WAS LITTLE CHANGE IN THE OVERALL MILITARY SITUATION. THE KC CONTINUE TO SHELL POCHENTONG AIRFIELDWITHOUT AS YET AFFECTING THE AIRLIFT. THE OPERATION NORTH OF ROUTE 4 TO DISLODGE KC GUNNERS IS STILL STALLED. THE BANAM-NEAK LUONG AREA IS UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE. THE SITUATION HAS EPORT-EDLY IMPROVED SOMEWHAT IN THE 7TH DIVISION AREA NORTH-WEST OF PHNOM PENH. ONE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL REPORTED SOME

POSITIONS LOST AROUND ITS PERIMETER WHILE FORCES AT ANOTHER SCORED A GOOD SUCCESS OVER THE KC. END SUMMARY.

2. IN ADDITION TO THOSE REPORTED REFTEL, THE KC FIRED THREE 105MM HOWITZER SHELLS AND ABOUT TEN MORE 107MM ROCKETS AT POCHENTONG AND PHNOM PENH MARCH 7. THUS FAR MARCH 8, FANK REPORTS TWENTY-SEVEN 107MM ROCKETS
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AND SIX 105MM SHELLS, MOSTLY DIRECTED AT THE AIRFIELD.

THE THIRD DAY OF THE FANK OPERATION NORTH OF ROUTE 4
DESIGNED TO PUSH THE ENEMY GUNNERS OUT OF RANGE AGAIN
SAW NO PROGRESS.

3. THE KC CONTINUE TO CMOUNT ATTACKS BY FIRE AND GROUND
ATTACKS IN THE BANAM-NEAK LUONG AREA ON THE LOWER MEKONG.
THE PRESSURE IS DESCRIBED AS HEAVY. ONE SUCH KC ATTACK
KILLED 11 AND WOUNDED 14.

4. DURING THE NIGHT OF MARCH 7-8, KC FORCES IN THE 7TH
DIVISION AREA NORTHWEST OF PHNOM PENH PUSHED FURTHER SOUTH
ALONG ROUTE 5, AND THE SITUATION WAS DESCRIBED AS
SERIOUS. HOWEVER, OUR LATEST INFORMATION IS THAT BG
KHY HAK, WHO IS TO TAKE OVER THE 7TH DIVISION SHORTLY,
IS ALREADY ON THE SCENE AND COUNTERATTACKING SUCCESSFULLY
AGAINST THE KC ADVANCES. THE KC ARE TAKING HEAVY CASUAL-
TIES; FANK NOW REPORTS KILLING 143 IN THE MARCH 7
ENGAGEMENT SOUTH OF ROUTE 51 (REFTEL).

6. AT THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL OF PURSAT WHICH LIES ASTRIDE
ROUTE 5 IN NORTHWESTERN CAMBODIA, FANK FORCES REPORTEDLY
KILLED IN AN ENGAGEMENT 42 ENEMY SOLDIERS WHILE
SUFFERING ONLY TWO WOUNDED. AT PREY VENG, IN THE
EASTERN PART OF THE COUNTRY, HEAVY KC ATTACKS WERE
REPORTED AROUND THE PERIMETER, FORCING THE ABANDONMENT
OF SEVERAL POSITIONS BY FRIENDLY DEFENDERS.
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